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Tamil Nadu	Kanyakumari	N. Suresh Rajan, Minister for Tourism & Registration	There are no plans at present.
Pondicherry	Karaikal	N. Rangasamy, CM of Pondicherry	The pre feasibility study indicates construction not possible.

Banking facility for Juhapura area of Ahmedabad city

*340. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the banks is coming forward to open a branch in the Juhapura area of Ahmedabad city, where a large number of Muslims reside;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of repeated requests by the local residents, that area is still without a branch of any bank;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any plan to help the residents of that area; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) No. The Bank of India has opened a branch on 10.03.2008 in the Juhapura area of Ahmedabad city area. Besides this, Dena Bank, the lead bank for the area, has reported that 3 branches of Dena Bank namely Vasna, Vejalpur and Sarkhej are already functioning within a radius of 3-4 Kms. of Juhapura, apart from 2 branches of the State Bank of India at Vasna and the APMC market nearby.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Employment opportunity of domestic pilots

2327. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundred of young Indian students who have spent lakhs of rupees to become pilot are now finding it hard to get a job;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some India carriers hire Indian commercial pilot licence holders but don't provide them further training to get type - rating to fly an A-320 or Boeing 737 as a weak dollar has made it cheaper to hire trained co-pilots from abroad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to protect the interest of domestic pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has not received

any such complaints. However, DGCA has decided that foreign co-pilots will not be issued FATA after 31.05.2008. That will be mandatory requirement for Indian operators to phase out foreign pilots as co-pilot. This will result into absorption of Indian co-pilots.

New air traffic control system

2328. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new civilian application system developed by US Defence equipment major Raytheon along-with ISRO and Airports Authority of India could help in removing the congestion in the airports;

(b) whether this system promises to remove inherent positional errors of aircrafts to get clear picture of their movements and make improvement;

(c) whether with more accurate picture of aircraft positions, the ATC can fit more aircrafts with a limited space and also avoid possible near-miss situation; and

(d) by when a final decision in changing better air traffic system with US defence system would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The new civilian application system GPS Aided GEOS Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) is being developed jointly by Airports Authority of India and ISRO indigenously. The system will provide advanced navigational support in decongesting the airspace/airports. GAGAN is likely to be commissioned by December, 2010.

Share of Air India in domestic air service

2329. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a constant fall in market share of Public Sector Air India in the total domestic air service since July 2007;

(b) if so, the share of different domestic air carriers as on January 2007 and January 2008, showing the growth rate of each;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Air India has withdrawn some of the services from major airports during this period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security equipments at airports

2330. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to install high security equipments for effective security at all the domestic and international airports in the country;